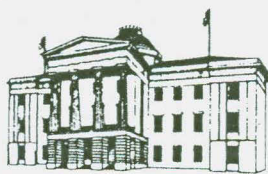


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, each year, the North Carolina underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 to have underground lines located prior to digging, causing undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury and even death; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to reduce these damages, the State of North Carolina promotes the National-Call-Before-You-Dig number 811, designated by the FCC in 2005; and

WHEREAS, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach the North Carolina 811 Center to request utility line locations at the dig site; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina 811 Center performs a public service, providing free assistance to all business and residential citizens of North Carolina through education of safe digging practices and providing a convenient means of communications between the excavating public and member utilities; and

WHEREAS, excavators and homeowners can save time and money by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project, waiting the required amount of time, respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation, and finally digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility, to "know what's below, call 811 before you dig";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2011, as "**SAFE DIGGING MONTH**" in North Carolina and I encourage excavators and homeowners throughout North Carolina to always call 811 before digging, as safe digging is no accident.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beverly Eaves Perdue".

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-fifth.